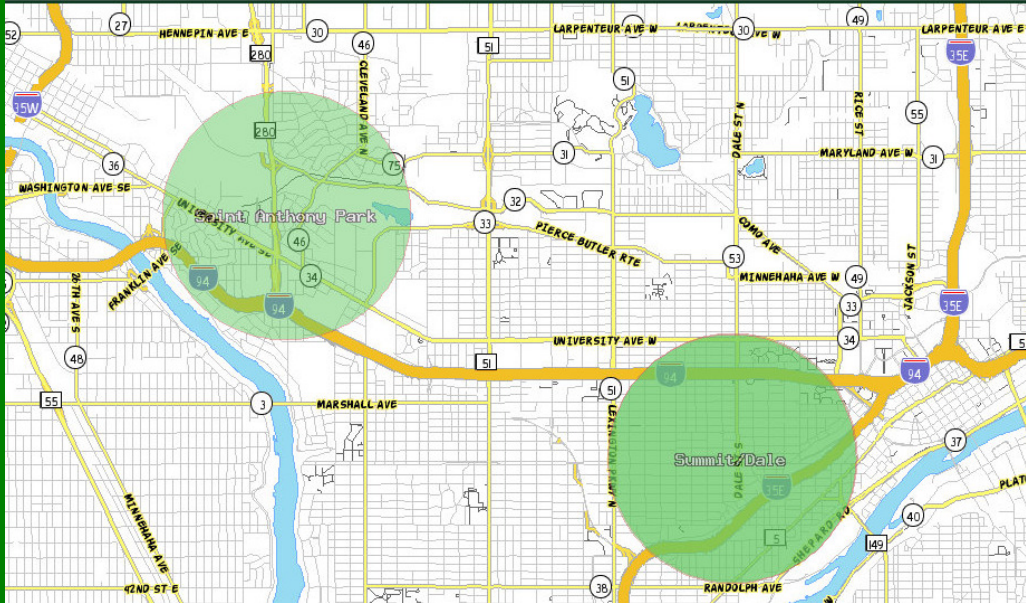


How Do I Manage My Private Property Ash Tree?

A Guide to Private Property Ash Tree Management in Response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Saint Paul



- Determine if you have an ash tree(s). For assistance, refer to Michigan State University ash tree identification tool at <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/E2942.pdf>
- Determine the proximity of your property to known EAB infestations. All ash trees in Saint Paul will be effected by EAB, so create a plan now to manage your ash tree(s).



- Call Saint Paul Forestry at 651-632-5129 if you suspect your ash tree is infested with EAB.
- Consider insecticide treatment for high value ash trees only.
 - a. Refer to <http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab/EABInsecticideFactSheet.pdf> for information on EAB insecticides.
 - b. The City of Saint Paul employs insecticide as just one tool to assist in slowing the spread of EAB and as a means of response to a more manageable time and expense. Treatment of boulevard trees is not employed as a means of saving trees for the long term.
 - c. Depending on the insecticide used, repeat treatment for EAB is required for the duration of the tree(s) life (refer to product label).
- If you have the space, plant a replacement tree before ash tree removal.
- Consider removing your ash tree(s) **avoiding the active period for adult beetles--May 1 to September 1--**and replanting a new tree.



Saint Paul is a forested urban city. Trees help define the landscape, bring character to neighborhoods and are the most beneficial living green infrastructure component in Saint Paul. One 15 inch diameter American elm tree provides **\$139 in annual benefits** by intercepting stormwater, shading buildings in the summer months, slowing winter winds, improving air quality, improving property values, and even reducing stress.

Remember, the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

~Chinese Proverb



Visit www.stpaul.gov/EAB for more information on EAB management

Visit <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=4430> for more information on Saint Paul's urban forest